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1. PURSUANT TO REF. B, DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE AND U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT CHAMBER NOW PLANS TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF JOINT BUSINESS CHAMBER THROUGH ITS OWN OFFICES ON MAY 27. GM'S MURPHY CONCURS. THIS PROCEDURE CONSONANT WITH TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING JOINT BUSINESS CHAMBER FROM DOC TO U.S. CHAMBER.

2. TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT IS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS ORIGINAL DRAFT, AND U.S. CHAMBER WILL MEET EARLY THIS WEEK WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS OF COMPOSITION ON EGYPTIAN SIDE OF STEERING COMMITTEE. U.S. CHAMBER ALSO WILL SEEK CLEAR IDENTIFICATION OF ITS EGYPTIAN COUNTERPART, SO AS TO SET UP DIRECT LINES OF COMMUNICATION. COORDINATION OF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE THROUGH THESE CHANNELS.

3. JOINT BUSINESS CHAMBER IS NOW ENTIRELY PRIVATE SECTOR
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ENDEAVOR, BUT U.S.CHAMBER REALIZES USG INTEREST AND

PROMISES TO KEEP INTERESTED AGENCIES FULLY APPRAISED OF
DEVELOPMENTS. WE FEEL THIS ARRANGEMENT IS SATISFACTORY. INGERSOLL

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